

Agenda with Annotated Minutes

Designated Agency Safety and Health Official (DASHO) Council Thursday, November 4, 2004, 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Room 7000 B

Welcome, Funding Strategy and Proposal for Safety and Occupational Health Initiatives and Programs: Kathleen J. H. Wheeler

Kathleen Wheeler opened the meeting. She discussed the FY 05 SHARE Initiative, SafetySmart, FY 05 budget training, SMIS, and the training proposal.

DASHO members spoke on the funding of the Workers' Compensation Program, and how the funding would be allocated.

Pam Haze from the Budget Office, spoke briefly on the status of the Department's budget on the Working Capital Fund bill, redirecting funds and the appropriation bill.

DASHO Council members spoke on proposals regarding the Workers' Compensation Program, management, and a single position being established in the HR area, that would require funding of \$150,000. It was stated that each bureau/office that handles Workers' Compensation, should be billed and provide support for this program.

The IG report recommends 3 or 4 methods in this proposal.

Dick Powell addressed Yellowstone Park and fatalities. He suggested that NPS hire a Safety Manager for the park. He also talked on OWCP cases, claims, case manager in Labor.

There was a discussion regarding the reprogramming of the WCF for FY 05 and FY 06 and that billing should not go "back and forth."

Carol Aten suggested hiring an OWCP Coordinator.

It was stated that leadership should come from the Department and the DASHOs disagreed. DASHO members, stated that they need to put an effort toward the HR side.

Marilyn Johnson spoke on OWCP cases on Workers' Compensation and payoff in the first 45 days.

Bill Bass stated that they had 6 cases on OWCP and that they cannot do anything about 3 of the cases.

DASHOs discussed establishing a full time FTE person and OWCP people will manage the proposal.

Creating an OWCP Position was proposed. A vote was taken and approved by the DASHOs.

Kathleen Wheeler indicated that she will work with Pam Haze regarding this proposal for Lynn Scarlett's review.

Per Pam Haze, there is \$321,000 available in the Working Capital Fund (WCF). Diane Schmitz indicated that of the \$321,000, \$17,500 has been obligated for SafeytSmart and \$137,000 will be obligated for SMIS. Therefore, \$166,000 remains in the WCF to be used for the Training Initiative.

The DASHOs approved the use of \$166,000 for the completion of the OSHA 6000 Course. Diane Schmitz agreed to notify Marcy Rogers in OHS, to obligate the \$137,000. For FY 05, SMIS IT Security and the Exhibit 300 Plan, and obligate \$166,000 for completion of the OSHA 6000 Course.

Proposed Next Meeting:

Thursday, December 16, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in Room 3060.